

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Masahiro ARAI et al.  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
CONTROLLING INTAKE AIR  
BY VARIABLE VALVE TIMING  
Appl. No.: Unassigned  
Filing Date: 12/03/2000  
Examiner: Unassigned  
Art Unit: Unassigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered into the application:

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

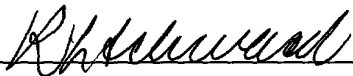
Page 9, line 9, please change "December 2, 2000," to --December 4, 2000,--.

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the above amendment prior to examination of the instant application. The amendment is made to correct clerical errors and do not to change the scope of the invention.

Respectfully submitted,

Date December 4, 2000

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